

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/10/2011 has been entered. Claims 1, 5, 7-9, and 12 are currently pending within this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 12/14/2010 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because a corresponding Form 1449 was not filed in conjunction with the information disclosure statement. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Amol Kavathekar on 4/13/2011.

The claims have been amended as follows:

- Claim 12 (new), Line 20: Change "the combined image" to "a combined image"
- Claim 12 (new), Line 23: Insert "and" before "combining"

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 5, 7-9, and 12 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Osinski whose telephone number is (571) 270-3949. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on (571) 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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